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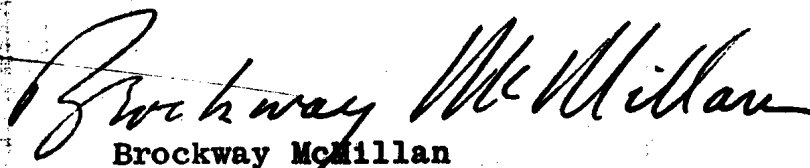
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MEMORANDUM FOR The Director, Program B

SUBJECT: IDEALIST Program Summary

In view of the operational capability being developed for SKYLARK and the anticipated improvement to OXCART capability, I desire that you review for me the overall life expectancy and utilization of the U-2 aircraft. I realize the differences in OXCART and U-2 aircraft characteristics make certain targets more amenable to one aircraft than the other. However, I would like to know which target areas will be covered with U-2 aircraft, and generally in what time period such coverage will be obtained.

I am aware that your five-year programmed force structure has been predicated on the absence of statements which would limit the useful life of the U-2. It seems prudent, however, to take a positive approach and determine the realistic time span that this aircraft will serve a useful purpose. Consideration should be given to both materiel support and potential political approval for continued use of this lower performance system.

Brockway McMillan
Director
(S)National Reconnaissance OfficeEXECUTIVE REGISTRY
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25 November 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES
 DEPUTY FOR PLANS AND POLICY
 DEPUTY FOR SYSTEMS
 DEPUTY FOR ADVANCED PLANNING
 CHIEF, SECURITY
 EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Office of the Deputy
 Director for Aircraft

Effective Monday, 30 November 1964, the Office of the Deputy Director for Aircraft (SS-8) is established in the Office of Space Systems. Lt Colonel [redacted] is designated as the acting Deputy of the new office.

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The Deputy for Aircraft will be responsible for the guidance and planning functions relating to aircraft, including basic studies and analyses. He will assist in the recognition and exploration of promising lines of operations, research and development, and the coordination of assets for economical and efficient fulfillment of responsibilities as directed by the Under Secretary.

J. Stewart
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 Office of Space Systems

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